

# **NAMI Delaware to Host Clothing Drive Dec. 1-5 to Benefit Clients of DPC and ACE Peer Resource Center**

NEW CASTLE (Nov. 21, 2017) – The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Delaware will host a statewide clothing drive Dec. 1-5, with donations in New Castle and Kent counties to benefit the Delaware Psychiatric Center and donations in Sussex County to benefit the ACE Peer Resource Center in Seaford.

In New Castle and Kent counties, the immediate clothing needs are men's winter coats, pants, shirts and shoes, all sizes. Women's clothing also appreciated. In Sussex County, the immediate needs are new or gently used outerwear, new socks, and new undergarments for men and women, all sizes. All clothing for women and men appreciated.

"We are grateful to NAMI for organizing this clothing drive to benefit clients at DPC and the ACE Peer Resource Center," Department of Health and Social Services Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker said. "It's important that vulnerable people have the dignity that comes with access to the appropriate clothing, whether it's while they are a client, or when they transition back to the community."

DPC, the public psychiatric hospital for Delaware, is operated by the Department of Health and Social Services. The ACE Peer Resource Center, a nonprofit with facilities in Seaford and Georgetown, focuses on recovery for people who are homeless, or have behavioral health needs or other challenges.

**Collection sites, dates and times in New Castle and Kent counties:**

- NAMI Delaware Office, 2400 W. Fourth St., Wilmington Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-5, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- UD STAR Campus, 540 S. College Ave., Newark. Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-5, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Delaware State Police, Troop 3, 3759 S. State St., Camden. Dec. 1-2, 9 a.m.-4p.m.; Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Dec. 4-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Collection sites, dates and times in Sussex County:**

- NAMI Delaware Georgetown Office, 7 S. King St., Georgetown. Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-5, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- La Red Health Center, 21444 Carmean Way, Georgetown. Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-5, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As an alternative, individuals or groups can make a tax-deductible monetary donation to the clothing drive at [www.namidelaware.org](http://www.namidelaware.org)

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